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**Gang Member Charged in
Killing at Target Parking Lot**

A 24-year-old man has been charged with the murder of a maintenance worker that was pressure washing a Target parking lot in Van Nuys, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Deputy District Attorney Paul Kim of the Hardcore Gang Division said Erick Rentería (dob 1/1/90) faces one count each of murder, possession of a firearm by a felon with one prior and two counts of resisting executive officer in case LA078571.

The murder count includes the allegations that the defendant personally used a handgun and a knife.

Rentería pleaded not guilty to the charges at arraignment late yesterday. A date for the defendant's preliminary hearing is expected to be set on Aug. 4 in Department 120 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

Early in the morning on July 22, Francisco Miguel, 48, was stabbed and shot to death as he helped two other workers clean the department store's parking lot, the prosecutor said.

If convicted of all counts, he faces a maximum possible sentence of 53 years to life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, Van Nuys Station.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.